

REMARKS

Summary of the Office Action

Claims 5, 7, 8, 60 and 69 stand objected to because of informalities.

The claims are allowable over the art of record.

Summary of the Response to the Office Action

Applicants have amended claims 4, 5, 7, 13, 14, 52, 60 and 66 to improve the form of the claims. Claim 69 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 4-15 and 44-68 remain currently pending for consideration.

Claim Objections

Claims 5, 7, 8, 60 and 69 stand objected to because of informalities. Applicants have canceled claim 69 without prejudice or disclaimer rendering the rejection of claim 69 moot. Also, Applicants have amended claims 5, 7 and 60 to improve the form of the claims by incorporating the helpful suggestion provided by the Examiner at page 2, section 1 of the Office Action.

It is not clear why the Examiner objected to claim 8 in this regard because the current form of claim 8 does not refer to “unit audio information object(s).” Accordingly, Applicants will proceed with the understanding that the reference to claim 8 in the Office Action in this regard is a typographical error. To the extent that Applicants’ understanding is incorrect in this regard, the Examiner is requested to provide clarification in the next Office Communication.

It is also not clear why the Examiner did not object to claims 4, 13, 14 and 52 for similar reasons as claims 5, 7, 8, 60 and 69 because these claims also refer to “unit audio information object(s).” Nevertheless, Applicants have also amended these claims 4, 13, 14 and 52 to render the form of these claims similar to the remaining claims in these respects. Withdrawal of the claim objections are thus respectfully requested.

As no additional issues remain outstanding, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request withdrawal of the outstanding claim objections, reconsideration and timely allowance of the pending claims. Should the Examiner feel that there are any issues outstanding after consideration of this response, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants’ undersigned representative to expedite prosecution. A favorable action is awaited.

EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including

any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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